

TAN BARK

Newsletter of Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc.



**June
2019**

**Next Meeting
Friday 28th June
2019**

Meetings:

Fourth Friday of each month at 7.30pm, except September and December.

Venue:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall
Cnr. James and Phillip St, Toowoomba

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Minutes of the General Meeting

held 24th May, 2019

at St Paul's Church Hall, Toowoomba

President John Terry opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed members & visitors.

Attendance & Apologies: As per Attendance Book

HOUSEKEEPING: - Toilets, Evacuation Procedure – members were urged to familiarise themselves with the procedure. Please turn your phones to silent and if you have any comments on the meeting please share them with us and not just annoy the people around you.

Judges For Tonight : Craig and Graham Scott-Harden, Andrew and Cathy

New Members ---

Visitors: Craig and Graham Scott-Harden (guest speakers)

Sick List: ---

MINUTES: Kev Baker moved that the minutes of the April meeting as printed in Tanbark were correct.

Seconded by Val Reid Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

A brief report on the correspondence for the month:

Newsletters - NOSTI

Thank you letter from Riding for the Disabled (donation)

Last Management Committee minutes available.

OUTWARD: --

Secretary moved that correspondence be accepted and outward endorsed.

Seconded Roy Anderson Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: -

Total Credit Balance as at 24/5/19 \$37,915.95

Total Monthly Expenditure \$3,395.75 Total Monthly Income \$4,224.55

Monthly Profit \$828.80

Treasurer moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded John Woolf Carried

Questions –

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Please bring back **winter show trophies**

2. **Bunnings North Sausage Sizzle – 6th June**, roster being passed around. Peter Neylon will represent the club at Bunning North Garden talk on 4th June – thanks Peter.

Minutes Cont'd

3. **Name badges** – make it easier for new members to know and remember who they are speaking with. Also – we will have a lucky draw for members who wear their badges on the night.
4. **Plant names for shows** – Andrew asked that members check the names of their plants on OrchidWiz and that they check that they are using the most **up to date schedule** to ensure entries are in the correct classes.
5. **New Growers'** this Sunday 26th May at David and Carolyn Woolf's home at 2 pm. All welcome.
6. **Accounting Package**

Treasurer Christina Neylon explained the advantages and costs associated with the Zero accounting package. She then moved that the club adopt the package for its accounting needs. Seconded Murray Ferguson Carried

7. **Guest speaker** - Craig Scott-Harden. Craig spoke on Bulbophyllums and performed "Kev's Corner" duties.
8. **Winners** from tonight's benching

Category	Name of Plant	Owner
Novice Hybrid	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann	V & I Reid
Novice Species	Phrag. <i>schlimii</i>	V & I Reid
Novice Seedling	Phrag. Raspberries 'N Cream	V & I Reid
Judges Choice Novice	Phrag. <i>schlimii</i>	V & I Reid
Open Hybrid	C. Bonanza Queen x Rlc. Tribute	R Anderson
Open Species	Paph. <i>spicerianum</i>	R Anderson
Open Seedling	No Entries	
Judges Choice Open	C. Bonanza Queen x Rlc. Tribute	R Anderson
Master Hybrid	C. Good Dream 'Polar Sunset'	J & C Terry
Master Species	Paph. <i>henryanum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Master Seedling	Onc. Sundown x Coral Gold	D & C Woolf
Judges Choice Master	Paph. <i>henryanum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Judges Choice Overall	Paph. <i>henryanum</i>	M & K Ferguson
Popular Vote - Tie	C. Bonanza Queen x Rlc. Tribute	R Anderson
	Rlc. Dal's Passion 'White Princess'	J & C Terry

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm – The President thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home.

Next meeting to be held 28th June 2019, 7.30 pm

A Word From the President

Winter has arrived and as I sit and write this, the westerly wind is picking up as I hope is the temperature but the forecast for today isn't great.

Those fortunate to attend our May meeting were treated to a floral delight with 74 plants benched of excellent quality across all classes. Well done and thanks to all who brought along plants to share their beauty. Our guest judges Craig Scott-Harden and his dad Graham were impressed by the exhibits and commented favourably on our diverse range of genera.

The talk by our guest speaker; again Craig Scott-Harden was on *Bulbophyllums* and once again highlighted what a diverse and extensive genus this really is. Wonderful photography was just one feature of the talk along with his vast knowledge on the subject was incredible.

I was fortunate to spend several hours with Craig and Graham and I think we were each surprised at the similarity of the climate they grow in (Richmond NSW) to our Toowoomba conditions. Bulbo's may not be for everyone and quite a large proportion grow in the steamy tropics but some grow at higher altitudes and cooler temperatures and are certainly worth a spot in the orchid house.

Our autumn show was again a lovely spectacle and was certainly appreciated by the visiting public. Congratulations to the winners and as we can't all be winners, thanks to everyone who exhibited plants and made the show the wonderful exhibition that it was.

Thanks too to Andrew and his somewhat depleted show committee for the organising and running of the event and thanks also to all the members who gave their time freely to make the show a success.

Don't forget we have our winter show on the 20th and 21st July.

The Happy Diners for May in the form of "Lunch with the Parko Bunch" was, I'm told a great success and a good time was had by all attendees.


Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 8th June turned out somewhat inclement but we all had a good time despite being cold and damp. We earned \$1000 for the club and I'd like to thank all who participated.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the prices of some items offered to members from our trade table has increased. I've amended these prices and they will be published in this edition of Tanbark.

Our last New Growers Group, while not well attended was very interesting and informative and I'm sure everyone enjoyed the informal format. Don't forget to wear your name badge to meetings as this will ensure that newer members will know who they are speaking with and thus feel more comfortable which I believe to be vitally important as we can't overstate the importance of new members.

We are currently looking at improving the way we welcome new members and the new members pack we provide to give these members as much information as possible. A mentor list is being compiled so if you feel you could help out in this respect please let me know.

I won't be in attendance at our June meeting as I'm having a pacemaker installed the day prior to the meeting. The procedure apparently is quite simple but recuperation is lengthy. Until next time; enjoy our great hobby (obsession). John



TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY

learn how to prepare your orchids for showing

Meeting 7.30 pm, Friday June 28
St Paul's Hall, Philip St, Toowoomba

Make sure you attend the June meeting to learn, or to just brush up on, your orchid preparation methods.

This will be led by Andrew, our show marshal, and will assist all of us in showing our orchids at their best.

Start preparing now for our next show.

All Winter Show trophies to be returned at the June meeting or as soon as possible.



JULY 20-21

ST PAUL'S HALL
PHILLIP ST

WINTER SHOW

TOOWOOMBA ORCHID SOCIETY

Happy Diners: For further information, see Kev Baker or phone 4632 4952

4 July 2019	Farmers Arms Tavern, New England Hwy, Cabarlah	11.45am
1 August 2019	Royal Hotel, 189 Ruthven St, Toowoomba	11.45am
5 Sept 2019	Meringandan Hotel, 30 Main St, Meringandan	11.45am

THE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES CYMBIDIUMS by Frances and Julian Coker

There are three *Cymbidium* species indigenous to Australia, namely *Cym. canaliculatum*, *Cym. suave*, and *Cym. madidum*. They are found in Queensland, with *Cym. canaliculatum* extending westward across northern Australia to Western Australia and *Cym. suave* extending south to southern New South Wales. *Cym. madidum* is largely confined to Queensland, with only a small extension into northern New South Wales. They are all generally found in association with trees but are more appropriately considered as terrestrial rather than epiphytic, as their roots penetrate the rotted heartwood rather than attach themselves to the sound timber. All are small flowered, have leathery leaves and their leaves closely surround the pseudobulbs. When the leaves fall the bases remain as tight dried sheaths, and sharp spines remain at the dehiscence points. They flower from spring to early summer, those plants in the north flowering earlier than those in the south.

Cym. canaliculatum, first described by Robert Brown in 1810, is the most widely distributed and is more tolerant of heat and dryness than the others. It has extremely leathery leaves and multiple inflorescences of densely packed, variably colored flowers, even on the same raceme. The flowers display four general color patterns, giving rise to four varieties or groups. *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *canaliculatum* is the common form with red brown blotches overlaying a green to yellow background. *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *marginatum* has red brown flowers with a distinct yellow green margin, while *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *sparkesii* is solid red brown to almost black without any green. There is also a rare albino form that is clear green. Because *Cym. canaliculatum* prefers a drier habitat, it is most commonly found on the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range and the western plains in the east and the coastal forests rather than the rainforests in the north. *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *canaliculatum* is typical as the southern form while *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *marginatum* and *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *sparkesii* are found in the north of its range.

Cym. madidum, first described by Lindley in 1840, prefers a higher humidity and moisture level and thus grows on the eastern slopes of the Great Dividing Range and the coastal plains. It is characterised by very large pseudobulbs and long pendulous inflorescences with widely spaced green to yellow flowers. *Cym. madidum* is commonly found growing in the bases of elkhorn and staghorn ferns or in the rotting heartwood of trees and branches. Plants can grow into huge clumps that flower between September and December, the northern forms flowering earlier.

Cym. suave is found in a narrow band along the eastern seaboard from northern Queensland to southern NSW and was first described by Robert Brown in 1810. It prefers an environment between those preferred by *Cym. canaliculatum* and *Cym. madidum* and is characterised by canes, rather than pseudobulbs, that continue to grow and flower for a number of years. It is found growing in the rotting heartwood of Eucalyptus or between the flaking layers of bark of Melaleuca; it sometimes produces rhizomes that will run for a considerable distance before surfacing and producing leaves. *Cym. suave* requires a considerable amount of sunshine and is the coolest growing of the three species. The flowers are similar to those of *Cym. madidum*.

Select forms of each of these species are now grown and their specimen plants make a magnificent display when in full bloom. A protected environment with added heat during winter may be required in the southern states. Because of their individual charm, the fact that they are part of our national heritage, and the variety and extension of flowering time that they provide, the Australian species cymbidiums are worthy of a place in any orchid collection.

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New Growers Group in July

The next New Growers Group will be held on 27 July at 2pm

At the home of Cora and Richard Malcuit

13 Water Street, Helidon

These meetings are not to be missed!

GROWING SUPPLIES Members only prices

Squat Pot 100mm	\$0.20	Standard Pot 100mm (Tall)	\$0.25
Squat Pot 125mm	\$0.30	Standard Pot 100mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 140mm	\$0.40	Standard Pot 125mm	\$0.25
Squat Pot 175mm	\$0.65	Standard Pot 140mm	\$0.30
Squat Pot 200mm	\$0.60	Standard Pot 180mm	\$0.50
Orchid Pot 70mm	\$0.25	Standard Pot 200mm	\$0.60
Orchid Pot 100mm	\$0.40	Standard Pot 250mm	\$1.20
Orchid Pot 125mm	\$0.55	Saucer 200mm	\$0.70
Orchid Pot 150mm	\$0.70	Saucer 300mm	\$1.55
Orchid Pot 175mm	\$1.20	Pot Hangers 360mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Orchid Pot 200mm	\$2.20	Pot Hangers 500mm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Small (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 45cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Medium (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 60cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Butterfly Clips Large (Pack)	\$3.00	Bamboo Stakes 90cm (Pack)	\$3.00
Labels 100mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Pencil- Stabilo 8008	\$3.50
Labels 140mm (Pack)	\$3.00	Coco Husk	\$12.00
Orchiata Bark 40L	\$27.00	Cymbidium Mix (Pack)	\$8.00
Perlite Super Coarse (Pack)	\$4.00	Sphagnum Moss (Pack)	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 6-9mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Perlite Super Coarse (100l)	\$30.00
Orchid Mix 9-12mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plantacote Fertiliser Top K 1kg	\$8.00
Orchid Mix 12-18mm (Pack)	\$8.00	Plant Stand-Short	\$20.00
Rutec Root Booster 1L	\$8.00	Plant Stand-Long	\$22.00
Rutec Growth Booster 1L	\$10.00		

Member Prices Note: Cash only for Heather and Neville please. Phone : 46356868

**Members
Please Note!**

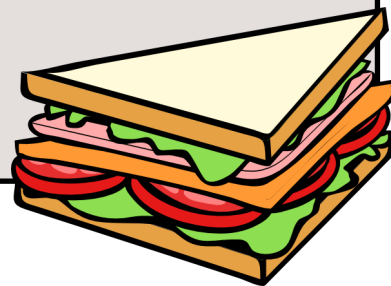
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purchased
from TOS
are
NOT FOR
RESALE!**

**Members in
breach of this
will be refused
purchases.**



Supper at the meeting

Please bring along a small plate of nibbles for our general meetings.



Thought for the month!

“don't want to give the impression that perfectly normal, healthy, thoughtful, and balanced people are not drawn to orchids. I am told they exist. I just didn't have much luck finding them”

— Eric Hansen, [Orchid Fever: A Horticultural Tale of Love, Lust, and Lunacy](#)

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